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MEXICAN NATIONALS LIVING IN KC INDICTED IN METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that two Mexican citizens living in Kansas City were indicted by a federal grand jury today for conspiring to distribute methamphetamine.

Jorge A. Fernandez, 21, and **Juan C. Martinez**, 25, both citizens of Mexico living in Kansas City, were indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

The federal indictment alleges that **Fernandez** and **Martinez** conspired to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine from July 22, through Aug. 10, 2004.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph M. Marquez. The case was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

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